

## **Washington Grant Programs**



▪ in-stream habitat



▪ prairie restoration

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## **National Fish Passage Program**

### **Purpose:**

The goal of the National Fish Passage Program is to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by man-made barriers. All projects are voluntary, done in cooperation with willing partners.

### **Eligibility:**

The program partners with agencies, tribes, private organizations and landowners.

### **Area:**

Statewide.

### **Typical Projects:**

Removal of fish passage barriers such as undersized or elevated culverts, dams, water diversion structures, and other impediments to fish passage, and replacement with adequately sized, fish passable, structures.

### **Financial Information:**

Projects typically range in cost from \$20,000 to \$110,000 each.

### **Contact:**

USFWS, Malenna Cappellini or Jim Craig  
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### **Web:**

<http://fisheries.fws.gov/FWSMA/fishpassage/>

## **Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA)**

### **Purpose:**

The FRIMA program provides financial assistance to local partners to correct impediments to fish passage related to irrigation and water diversion projects and facilities.

### **Eligibility:**

Any state agency, local group or private landowner. Projects must include a local government or Tribal sponsor or co-applicant

### **Area:**

Statewide.

### **Typical Projects:**

Projects must be directly associated with passage improvements to water diversions such as fish screens, fish ladders or related modifications.

### **Financial Information:**

Project sponsors must identify at least 35% matching funds for the design and construction of the eligible project. Matching funds may include in-kind contributions such as easements, materials, equipment or labor. The project operator or sponsor must assume responsibility for operation and maintenance costs of the project.

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### **Web:**

<http://pacific.fws.gov/Fisheries/Fish%20Passage-Screening%20Program.htm>

## **Partners for Fish and Wildlife**

### **Purpose:**

Partners for Fish and Wildlife is a national voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners, Tribes and other conservation partners. It focuses on restoring habitat for migratory birds, anadromous fish, and declining plant and animal species. Focus areas in eastern Washington and northern Idaho include shrub-steppe, Palouse prairie, oak savannah, wetlands, riparian areas and streams.

### **Eligibility:**

Any private, Tribal, or municipal landowner. Projects may not be implemented on federal or state lands. Partnerships with other agencies or organizations are encouraged to increase the leverage of funds. Cooperators sign an agreement to retain restoration projects for at least 10 years and otherwise retain full control of their land.

### **Area:**

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho

**Typical Projects:**

On-the-ground projects only. Typical projects include removal of invasive species and replanting with native species, riparian and wetland restoration including agricultural wetlands, and restoration of fish passage by removing barriers.

**Financial Information:**

Project proposals are accepted anytime. The program strives for an equal match of cost share or in-kind services.

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<http://partners.fws.gov>

**Private Stewardship Grant Program****Purpose:**

The Private Stewardship Grants Program provides funding and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts that benefit federally listed, proposed or candidate species.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals and groups engaged in voluntary, on the ground conservation efforts at the local level. At least some of the landowners who have confirmed their intent to participate in the conservation effort must be identified in the application.

**Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

**Typical Projects:**

Projects that improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands for the benefit of endangered, threatened, candidate, proposed, or other at-risk species of plants and animals. Examples of past project activities include: managing non-native competitors, re-introducing imperiled species, implementing measures to minimize risk from disease, restoring streams, riparian areas or uplands that support imperiled species, erecting fence to exclude animals from sensitive habitats, or

planting native vegetation to restore native plant communities.

**Financial Information:**

Applications are due in the winter/spring each year (according to the Federal Register release date) and are reviewed over the spring. A 10% match of cash or cost share through in-kind services is required. The Secretary of the Interior awards funds in early spring or summer. In FY 2003, awards totaling \$9.4 million were awarded nationwide. Specific project awards range from \$25,000 to over \$100,000.

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[http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private\\_stewardship/index.html](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship/index.html)

**Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition****Purpose:**

Provide financial assistance to acquire land associated with approved Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) to secure protection of threatened or endangered species habitats and to complement the conservation benefits of the associated HCPs.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups developing HCPs or parties interested in securing land for listed, proposed or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Area:**

Statewide

**Typical Projects:**

Purchase from willing sellers of lands that will expand the conservation benefits of approved HCPs and/or support threatened or endangered species.

**Financial Information:**

Minimum 25% non-federal cost-share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost-share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

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**Web**

<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants>  
See <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/grants/endangered.htm> for Washington State information associated with the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.

**Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance****Purpose:**

Provide financial assistance to develop Habitat Conservation Plans that provide conservation of imperiled species and regulatory certainty for land management activities.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups developing HCPs or parties interested in securing land for listed, proposed or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

**Typical Projects:**

Development of Habitat Conservation Plans.

**Financial Information:**

Proposals compete nationally. Cost shares range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project. Technical assistance is available.

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**Web:**

<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants>

## **Landowner Incentive Program (non-Tribal portion)**

### **Purpose:**

The Landowner Incentive Program is designed to help states by providing grants to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitats on private lands to benefit federally listed, proposed or candidate fish and wildlife species or other species determined to be at risk, and to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

### **Eligibility:**

State agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife species may submit proposals but other organizations may partner with or serve as subgrantees with those agencies.

### **Area:**

Nationwide. No state may receive more than 5% of the total amount of funds available to the states.

### **Typical Projects:**

Current focus is on small landowners for fish passage.

### **Financial Information:**

States must provide a minimum of 25% nonfederal match. One of the current ranking proposals, however, is the amount of nonfederal match above the required minimum.

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### **Web:**

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## **Tribal Landowner Incentive Program**

### **Purpose:**

For actions and activities that protect and restore habitats that benefit federally listed,

proposed, or candidate species, or other at risk species on Tribal lands.

### **Eligibility:**

Any federally recognized Tribal landowner.

### **Area:**

Statewide

### **Typical Projects:**

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and other efforts to protect federally listed, proposed or candidate species on Tribal lands

### **Financial Information:**

The maximum award under this program is \$150,000 with a required minimum 25% match from non-federal funds.

### **Contact:**

USFWS, Scott Aiken  
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### **Web:**

<http://pacific.fws.gov/ea/tribal>

## **Tribal Wildlife Grant Program**

### **Purpose:**

Benefit fish, wildlife and their habitat including non-game species.

### **Eligibility:**

Any federally recognized Tribal landowner.

### **Area:**

Statewide

### **Typical Projects:**

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and other efforts to protect fish, wildlife and their habitats on Tribal lands. For these grants, they are considered an indicator of Tribal commitment.

### **Contact:**

USFWS, Scott Aiken  
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### **Web:**

<http://pacific.fws.gov/ea/tribal>

## **Recovery Land Acquisition**

### **Purpose:**

Permanent conservation of land that contributes to the recovery of listed species by supporting approved recovery plans.

### **Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups interested in securing land for listed, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### **Area:**

Statewide

### **Typical Projects:**

Acquisition of land from willing sellers that will support threatened or endangered species or that will support the recovery of threatened or endangered species.

### **Financial Information:**

Proposals compete regionally. Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

### **Contact:**

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### **Web:**

See <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/grants/endangered.htm> for Washington State information associated with the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.

## **Endangered Species Section 6 Grants**

### **Purpose:**

Provide financial assistance to states to participate in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed, or listed species under the Endangered Species Act.

**Eligibility:**

States with whom the USFWS has a current cooperative agreement and, through those states, private landowners, communities and local governments.

**Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

**Typical Projects:**

Inventories, monitoring, radio telemetry, captive breeding, relocation efforts and surveys.

**Financial Information:**

Proposals compete regionally and generally range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Cost share and partners are not required, but will increase a proposal's competitiveness if included.

**Contact:**

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**Web:****Financial Information:**

All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Cost shares range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project.

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**Web:**

[http://endangered.fws.gov/  
grants](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants)

**Financial Information:**

The maximum award under this program is \$250,000. Although matching funds are not required

**Recovery Implementation Grants****Purpose:**

To directly fund high priority on-the-ground recovery actions as identified in approved, draft and final recovery plans to help move species toward recovery, and ultimately delisting.

**Eligibility:**

Any agencies, tribes, local governments, private organizations, and landowners.

**Area:**

Statewide

**Typical Projects:**

Projects involved with the removal of fish passage barriers, monitoring, radio telemetry, exotic species removal, habitat enhancement, captive breeding, and surveys.